

(v) Of the advisability and availability of blood lead level screening for children under seven years of age; and

(vi) That in the event lead-based paint is found on the property, appropriate abatement procedures may be undertaken.

(c) *Elimination of lead-based paint hazards.* The purpose of this paragraph is to implement the provisions of section 302 of the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, 42 U.S.C. 4822, by establishing procedures to eliminate as far as practicable the hazards due to the presence of paint which may contain lead and to which children under seven years of age may be exposed in existing housing which is rehabilitated with assistance provided under this part. The Secretary has promulgated requirements regarding the elimination of lead-based paint hazards in HUD-associated housing at 24 CFR part 35, subpart C. This paragraph is promulgated pursuant to the authorization granted in 24 CFR 35.24(b)(4) and supersedes, with respect to all housing to which it applies, the requirements prescribed by subpart C of 24 CFR part 35.

(1) *Applicability.* This paragraph applies to the rehabilitation of applicable surfaces in existing housing which is assisted under this part. The following activities assisted under the Community Development Block Grant program are not covered by this paragraph:

- (i) Emergency repairs (not including lead-based paint-related emergency repairs);
- (ii) Weatherization;
- (iii) Water or sewer hook-ups;
- (iv) Installation of security devices;
- (v) Facilitation of tax exempt bond issuances which provide funds for rehabilitation;
- (vi) Other similar types of single-purpose programs that do not include physical repairs or remodeling of applicable surfaces (as defined in 24 CFR 35.22) of residential structures; and
- (vii) Any non-single purpose rehabilitation that does not involve applicable surfaces (as defined in 24 CFR 35.22) that does not exceed \$3,000 per unit.

(2) *Definitions.*

"Applicable surface." All intact and non-intact interior and exterior painted surfaces of a residential structure.

"Chewable surface." All chewable protruding painted surfaces up to five feet from the floor or ground, which are readily accessible to children under seven years of age, e.g., protruding corners, windowsills and frames, doors and frames, and other protruding woodwork.

"Defective paint surface." Paint on applicable surfaces that is cracking, scaling, chipping, peeling or loose.

"Elevated blood lead level or EBL." Excessive absorption of lead, that is, a confirmed concentration of lead in whole blood of 25 µ

g/dl (micrograms of lead per deciliter of whole blood) or greater.

"Lead-based paint surface." A paint surface, whether or not defective, identified as having a lead content greater than or equal to 1 mg/cm².

(3) *Inspection and testing—(i) Defective paint surfaces.* The grantee shall inspect for defective paint surfaces in all units constructed prior to 1978 which are occupied by families with children under seven years of age and which are proposed for rehabilitation assistance. The inspection shall occur at the same time the property is being inspected for rehabilitation. Defective paint conditions will be included in the work write-up for the remainder of the rehabilitation work.

(ii) *Chewable surfaces.* The grantee shall be required to test the lead content of chewable surfaces if the family residing in a unit, constructed prior to 1978 and receiving rehabilitation assistance, includes a child under seven years of age with an identified EBL condition. Lead content shall be tested by using an X-ray fluorescence analyzer (XRF) or other method approved by HUD. Test readings of 1 mg/cm² or higher using an XRF shall be considered positive for presence of lead-based paint.

(iii) *Abatement without testing.* In lieu of the procedures set forth in paragraph (c)(3)(ii) of this section, in the case of a residential structure constructed prior to 1978, the grantee may forgo testing and abate all applicable surfaces in accordance with the methods set out in 24 CFR 35.24(b)(2)(ii).

(4) *Abatement actions.* (i) For inspections performed under § 570.608(c)(3)(i) and where defective paint surfaces are found, treatment shall be provided to defective areas. Treatment shall be performed before final inspection and approval of the work.

(ii) For testing performed under § 570.608(c)(3)(ii) and where interior chewable surfaces are found to contain lead-based paint, all interior chewable surfaces in any affected room shall be treated. Where exterior chewable surfaces are found to contain lead-based paint, the entire exterior chewable surface shall be treated. Treatment shall be performed before final inspection and approval of the work.

(iii) When weather prohibits repainting exterior surfaces before final inspection, the grantee may permit the owner to abate the defective paint or chewable lead-based paint as required by this section and agree to repaint by a specified date. A separate inspection is required.

(5) *Abatement methods.* At a minimum, treatment of the defective areas and chewable lead-based paint surfaces shall consist of covering or removal of the painted surface as described in 24 CFR 35.24(b)(2)(ii).

(6) *Funding for inspection, testing and abatement.* Program requirements and local program design will determine whether the cost